

REMARKS

Status of the Claims.

Claims 1, 2, 4-12, and 14-20 are pending with entry of this amendment, claims 3 and 13 being cancelled herein. Claims 1 and 11 are amended herein. In addition, the application has been amended to add Figures 13-15 and corresponding figure descriptions. Support for these amendments can be found in the specification at least at page 8, line 31 to page 9, line 1, taken with Tables 3-5. Accordingly, these amendments introduce no new matter.

Claim Objections.

Claim 11 was objected to for referencing Tables 3-5 in the specification. Office Action, page 3. The Examiner indicated that Applicants should submit these tables as figures and amend the claim to refer to the figures. Accordingly, Applicants submit herewith new Figures 13-15, corresponding to Tables 3-5, respectively. Applicants have added suitable figure descriptions to the specification and have amended claim 11 to replace the references to Tables 3-5 with references to Figures 13-15. Withdrawal of the objection is therefore respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph.

Claims 1, 2, 4-12, 14-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly indefinite because independent claims 1 and 11 recited "the biological activity," for which the Examiner contends there is insufficient antecedent basis. Office Action, page 3. Applicants have amended claims 1 and 11 to replace this term with "a biological activity," as the Examiner suggested. Withdrawal of the rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 1, 2, 4-12, and 14-20 are free of the prior art. Office Action, page 4.

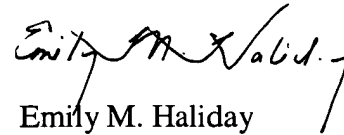
Conclusion

As Applicants have amended the application as the Examiner suggested to overcome all outstanding objections and rejections, Applicants believe that all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (510) 769-3509.

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Respectfully submitted,

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